

MEDIA ADVISORY from



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POSTMUS TO TESTIFY TODAY BEFORE P.U.C. HEARING ON RE-OPENING OF SUMMIT TRUCK TRAIL CROSSING

SAN BERNARDINO—First District San Bernardino County Supervisor Bill Postmus will testify today during a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the California Public Utilities Commission.

Postmus is scheduled to appear at 1 p.m. at the San Bernardino City Council Chambers, 300 North "D" Street, San Bernardino.

The hearing is to consider whether to impose a permanent injunction against the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company in response to its November 1, 2000, construction of a locked gate across Summit Truck Trail Crossing, which is a dirt access road to the south from Oak Hills through Summit Valley and ending at Highway 138. The road is not a County road, nor a County-maintained road.

Local residents filed an action with the PUC on January 4, 2001, and the County, at Postmus' request, joined the suit February 2. A Temporary Restraining Order requiring removal of the barricades was issued February 27 in San Francisco.

The Board of Supervisors cited public safety concerns and statements by Fire and Sheriff's officials that the barricades had been delaying emergency response times in the area as reasons for joining the action.